

**INFORMATION UPDATE AGENCY BRIEFS
(OCTOBER 28, 2004)**

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NEXT INFO UPDATES:

NOVEMBER – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 9:00 A.M.

JANUARY – THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 9:00 A.M.

1. Army Community Service – Cathy Mansfield, (910) 396-8160

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7 Habits or Highly Effective Families Workshop. This workshop, based on the #1 best-selling books by Dr. Stephen Covey, is available at ACS. The next workshop will be held on November 15 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center Town Hall. Limited (and FREE) childcare is available. For more information or to register, please call (910) 396-8682/8683.

a. Employment Readiness Program - Cherry Thompson, (910) 396-1425/2390

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1) Upcoming Events.

a. Employment Orientation. November 2, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Community Center Town Hall.

b. Employment Readiness & Transition Services Project Orientation.
November 12, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Community Center Town Hall

c. Career Direction. November 16, 10:00-12:00 p.m. Watters Family Life Center, corner of Knox & Randolph

d. Employment Tools. November 17, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Watters Family Life Center, corner of Knox & Randolph

e. Face to Face: The Interview. November 18, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Watters Family Life Center, corner of Knox & Randolph

f. Job Search Strategies. November 19, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Watters Family Life Center, corner of Knox & Randolph

2) The Cumberland County Transition Services Program. The Cumberland County Transition Services Program is available for eligible military spouses and civilian Department of Defense Employees.

The program assists military spouses and civilian Department of Defense employees of Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, who have lost their jobs due to a military transfer or reduction in forces. This special program will provide re-employment services to 950 customers during the period beginning March 1, 2004 through February 2006.

Eligibility Criteria:

Military Spouses:

Must have been gainfully employed prior to transfer to the Cumberland County region; and must now be unemployed due to the military member's transfer.

Civilian Personnel:

Must have been laid off due to a reduction in force (RIF); and must be currently unemployed.

Displaced Homemaker

Must be an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home; and has been dependent on the income of a military family member, but is no longer supported by the income; and is unemployed or underemployed and experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

Program Services:

Core and Intensive Services
Occupational Skill Training
On-The-Job Training
Tuition Assistance
Transportation Assistance
Child Care and Other Dependent Care
Resume Writing
Job Search and Referrals

Location:

The Spring Lake Family Resource Center
103 Laketree Blvd.
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Contacts:

Patrick S. Hurley, Director, (910) 323-3421 Extension 121
Geneva Mixon, Project Coordinator, (910) 321-6442
Workforce Development Center

b. Exceptional Family Member Program – Trisha Thurston, (910) 396-2749

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Web Site: http://www.bragg.army.mil/mwr/COMMUNITY/ACS/ACS_exceptional.htm

1. Special Needs Awareness Forum. EFMP Special Needs Awareness Forum will be held November 4-5, in the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. The purpose of this forum is to provide families with information on current EFM issues, activities and assistance.

2. EFMP Support Group. The EFMP Support Group will be held on November 30 at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Center, Wing A. This meeting allows families to share knowledge and experiences regarding issues they have experienced with their EFM.

c. Financial Readiness Program – Martha Brown, (910) 396-2507/8682

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Web Site: http://www.bragg.army.mil/mwr/COMMUNITY/ACS/ACS_financial_readiness_program.htm

1) Budget & Debt Management Training. Learn the principles of personal finance, planning and budgeting, banking and checking accounts, using credit wisely, insurance, saving and investing, large purchases, consumer scams and getting help, and much more. Training will be held in the Community Center Town Hall November 18, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Spouses Welcome!** To register please call (910) 396-8682/8683.

2) Refresher Checkbook Class. Learn about the different types of checking accounts, the importance of having a checking account, writing a check, balancing your checkbook, avoiding non-sufficient funds, military and civilian consequences, and much more. This class will be held in the Family Advocacy Conference room at the Community Center on November 17, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Spouses Welcome!** To register, please call (910) 396-8682/8683.

3) Personal Financial Management Training (PFMT). The PFMT class offers 8 lessons on sound money management: Principles of Personal Finance; Planning & Budgeting; Banking & Checking Accounts; Using Credit Wisely; Insurance; Savings & Investing; Large Purchases; and Consumer Scams. Classes will be held November 9 & 30, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 in the Community Center Town Hall. **Spouses Welcome!** To register, please call (910) 396-8682/8683.

5) Savings and Investment Class. Learn the importance of saving, how to start investing and saving, different types of investments, information on Mutual Funds and IRA's, getting financial assistance and much more. Class will be held in the Community Center, Town Hall on **December 21** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Spouses Welcome!** To register please call (910) 396-8682/8683.

- d. **Family Advocacy – Mr. Jimmie Musgrow, (910) 396-5521/4175.**
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Website: http://www.fortbraggmwr.com/child_family/ACS/fap.htm

1) Family Advocacy Program.

******* All classes are held in the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) Conference Room at the Community Center, Building # 1-3774. *******

First Time Parenting. November 3, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Parenting 1 – 4 Year Olds. November 2, 4, 18, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Parenting 5 – 12 Year Olds. November 1, 8, 15, 12:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Parenting Teenagers. November 1, 8, 15, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Effects of Violence on Children. November 12, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Parents, Children & Divorce. November 16, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Participants must pick up a parenting booklet prior to class and must complete booklet prior to attending class.

Couples Communication Class. November 9 or 19, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Anger Management. November 10 or 23, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Stress Management. November 2 or 17, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2) New Parent Support Program – Jeri Bourn (910) 396-7951
E-Mail: bournqd@bragg.army.mil

a. Home Visitation. Our professional staff provides supportive and caring services to military families with children from birth to six years of age. They can talk about your concerns as a parent or parent-to-be, help you learn to cope with stress, isolation, post deployment reunions and the everyday demands of parenthood in the privacy of your home.

b. Playmorning. Interactive play group for parents and children; activities are structured. Free to military. Requirement: Child(ren) Immunization Record(s). Select Monday's from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., at the Community Center Town Hall. Please call (910) 396-7951 for dates and registration information.

c. Infant Care & Parenting Class. (Four-part class).

November Session Dates: November 16, 18, 23 and 30, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.;
December Session Dates: December 7, 8, and 13 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., and
December 16 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. All of these classes will be held in the FAP Training Room.

e. Installation Volunteer Services – Cathy Mansfield, (910) 396-8160

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1) Town Hall Scheduling for Holiday Parties. The Town Hall has a very limited number of dates available for holiday parties. A cleaning deposit of \$100 is required for holiday parties which is refunded if the facility is left according to established standards. Reservations must be made in person and the deposit provided when the date is booked.

2) Database Update. Please keep us informed if you move from the address you reported when you registered as a volunteer. You can also update your hours at any time.

3) Volunteer Hours Submission. You may e-mail your volunteer hours each month. Send to: ivcoffice@bragg.army.mil. Please include your name, organization, dates and total number of hours for that month.

4) Iron Mike Awards Ceremony. Recognition for honorees from July – September 2004 will be Thursday, October 28, 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

5) Iron Mike Nominations. *Nominations for October – December 2004 are due by close of business on Friday, January 7 – NO EXCEPTIONS!* Please ensure that registration/hour documentation information is on file in the IVC office and that the paperwork is complete (i.e. proper signatures) **PRIOR** to submission. Because the award is a quarterly award, the nomination write-up **MUST** reflect contributions during the particular time period for the award (October - December).

6) Volunteers Needed! The agencies listed below are currently looking for volunteers. More opportunities are listed on the website at www.bragg.army.mil/mwr/community/ACS. Click on Volunteer Services, and then on Volunteer Positions.

a) Data Entry Assistant. Assist with data entry of volunteer applications and hours. Must have basic computer knowledge and lots of patience! Hours are flexible and child care is provided up to 12 hours per week. Contact Cathy Mansfield or Shirley Johns, Installation Volunteer Services at (910) 396-8160.

b) Airborne Attic Donation Assistant. Assist with collecting, sorting, and displaying donated items for distribution to soldiers and families who may need a little extra assistance. Hours are flexible. Contact Pat Long, ACS Relocation Readiness Program at 396-8683.

7) Annual Holiday Hearts Program – Deadline for applications is November 1. The program assists E4 and below soldiers with holiday gifts for their children. Soldiers must have a verified financial need and be referred by their company commander or first sergeant. Detailed information and applications also available at main ACS office and IVS.

Distribution of Names from ACS and South Post PX– November 1 thru 28 (or until all names are taken)

Gift Turn-in Deadline – December 3

Gift Distribution – December 8-10

8) Military Family Month Activities – Coming in November. Get yourselves in gear for our annual Military Family Month activities to include Family of the Year nominations, the infamous Scavenger Hunt, and more! Details also available at ACS main office and IVS.

- Family of the Year Nominations Accepted – thru November 12
- Family Scavenger Hunt – begins November 1 thru November 24
- Family Volunteer Day – November 20 – projects selected specifically for family involvement
- MWR Facility Specials all month

9) Army Family Team Building— Sandi Farrington – (910) 396-AFTB (2382)

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Web Site: <http://www.bragg.army.mil/mwr/COMMUNITY/VS/AFTB.htm>

a. Classes. Upcoming AFTB classes:

Level I	November 4 (Thursday)	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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Level II	November 8-10 (Monday-Wed)	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
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Level I	December 4 (Saturday)	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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b. FUN, FUN, FUN. Classes are fun, free and open to everyone. They are held in the AFTB classroom located in the IVS office in the Community Center at the corner of Knox and Randolph Streets. **Limited childcare is offered on a first come, first serve basis. To register for classes and childcare, please call (910) 396-AFTB (2382) or (910) 396-7110 or e-mail us at aftb@bragg.army.mil.** Additional classes are added as needed.

10) Army Family Action Plan Top 21 Issues

- 1) Volunteer Program Administration
- 2) STACC at Soldier Support Center
- 3) Transportation and Facilities for Teen Programs
- 4) Housing Allowance for Soldiers entering active duty from US Territories
- 5) Family Separation Allowance for Deployed Dual and Single Parents
- 6) Fort Bragg Soldier and FRG Website
- 7) Enforcement of On Post Resident Responsibilities
- 8) Neighborhood Traffic Safety Measures
- 9) Barracks Living Conditions
- 10) PWBC Service Orders
- 11) Exercising Allow Chicken/Plank Roads
- 12) Access Control Points Near Military Housing
- 13) On Post School Options for Off Post Military Dependent Students
- 14) Unsafe Traffic Flow at Honeycutt Gas Station
- 15) Traffic Safety for all Fort Bragg Intermediate School Students
- 16) Sick Call Procedures
- 17) Simplification of Referral Process
- 18) Expansion of Current Network Providers for Tricare Dental Plan
- 19) Information for Off Post Teens
- 20) On Post Movie Selection Night for Teens
- 21) Fort Bragg Sanitation and Equipment

f. Mobilization and Deployment – Martha Brown, (910) 396-8682/8682

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1) Soldier and Family Reintegration Briefing. Briefing includes information on the reunion process, family advocacy, making healthy choices and budgeting for redeployment. Spouses and family members are encouraged to participate. Units and FRG's can also request reunion briefings that are most convenient to them. The briefings are held at the Community Center Town Hall every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Seating is limited. Please call Trent Stanfield at (910) 396-8683 for more information or to reserve a slot.

2) Family Member Newcomers Brief. Briefings about Army Community Service (ACS), Commissary, AAFES, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), and Red Cross...just to name a few, are held every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall in the Soldier Support Center (Old Womack). A bus tour of Fort Bragg also included. For more information please call (910) 432-3742 or 396-8682.

3) 82nd Orientation. Meet at the Hall of Heroes at 7:45 a.m. to be taken to the Family Resource Center in Gavin Hall for briefing at 8:00 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month. Briefings include ACS, AFTB, DEERS/ID, FTCC, Finance, JAG,

Robinson Health Clinic, Chaplains, School Liaison. For more information please call Ellen Bowman at the 82d ACS office at (910) 432-7979. No registration is needed.

4) Operation READY—Tips on Coping with a Deployment. Topics include ways to sustain yourself and your family during a deployment, how to keep your spirits up for the holiday season, stress and anger management, and tips for keeping your family safe. Please bring a brown bag lunch and join us for a networking and idea sharing session. Open to everyone. Class will be held in the Community Center November 8 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Limited childcare is available. To register, please call (910) 396-8682/8683.

5) Heritage Village Van Tour. The bus departs from the Heritage Village Housing Area on every 3d Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. and goes until 12:30 p.m. Tour goes to the Raeford Court House, Social Services, Fort Bragg, Womack Hospital, Tolson Youth Center, Pharmacy Pick-up, North/South Commissary & PX, SJA Office, Riding Stables, Cleland Ice Rink, Sports USA, Vehicle Registration, and Army Community Service. For more information or to register, please call Georgette McLauchlin at the ACS Heritage Village office at (910) 875-7454.

6) FRG Leader Training. *Are you running your FRG with the right tools?* The FRG Leader Training Workshop will cover topics such as:

- How to build an FRG or improve an existing one
- Key callers
- How to manage volunteers
- Fundraising and special event planning
- Improving communication networks
- Problem-solving and
- Idea sharing.

FRG Leaders, Advisors, and Volunteers as well as Commanders, 1SGs and other Unit FRG Liaisons are encouraged to attend as well as bring any resources to share with the group. Class will be held at the Town Hall, Community Center, on December 3 (moved from November 19) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Class is free and childcare is available (**and free**). For more information or to register, please call (910) 396-8682/8683.

7) Waiting Spouse. Are you a waiting spouse whose sponsor has gone on an unaccompanied tour or who has been deployed for six months or longer? Do you have a desire to get out, have fun, and meeting new people? Then come and join us at our next “Waiting Spouse” meeting. This dynamic group of spouses met once a month to share their experiences while having fun and building camaraderie. The next meeting will be held November 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Child-care is FREE but is limited to first come, first serve. Field trips and crafts are in the planning. For more information or to register, please call Lynn Olavarria or Dave Stamper at (910) 396-8682/8683.

8) Newcomers Local Bus Tour. Get to know Fort Bragg and the Fayetteville Community. Learn NC driving tips, best routes around Fayetteville, local history, shopping tips, restaurant row, and much more. Tour begins and ends at the Community Center, Town Hall on November 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Free childcare is available with a one week advanced notice. For more information, please call (910) 396-8682/8683.

9) De-Stress with ACS. Join other spouses and have fun making snowmen for the holidays on November 13 at 11:00 a.m. at the Family Readiness Group Center located in the Soldier Support Center. Class is free and open to all. For information on **FREE** childcare call (910) 396-3936/4733. For more information or to sign up for class, call Laurie Taylor at (910) 432-5596.

10) Puppet Show. The "Nothing to Worry About" puppet show will be held on November 13 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center Town Hall. The puppet show is for children from 4-10 years of age dealing with deployment. Open to **EVERYONE**. To sign up, please call (910) 432-5596

g. Relocation Assistance Program – Pat Long, (910) 396-8682/8683

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Web Site: http://www.bragg.army.mil/mwr/COMMUNITY/ACS/ACS_relocation.htm

2. AAFES – Connie Gordon (910) 436-3535, ext. 112

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Web Site: www.aafes.com

a. Simmons Army Air Field Branch PX. Opened September 22. Operating hours are Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

b. Honeycutt Laundry/Dry Cleaning @ COSCOM. Located inside the Honeycutt Shoppette. Alteration and name tape service also available. Receive 5% off when you prepay for service.

Operating hours are:	Monday – Friday,	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
	Saturday,	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
	Sunday,	Closed

c. North Post Food Court Update. Adding Charley's Steakery and Xtreme Franks. Expanding Burger King. Award of contract expected by end of October.

3. Army Career & Alumni Program – Lisa Smallwood, (910) 432-0842/0279

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Website: www.bragg.army.mil/acap

a. ARMY RETIREES. Army Retirees and their family members are now authorized to use ACAP services for **LIFE**.

b. Deploying Soldiers. Deploying soldiers who are **ONE YEAR** from ETS at time of deployment **MUST** contact the ACAP center prior to deployment in order to complete their DD 2648 (Preseparation Counseling Checklist).

c. Pre-separation Seminar. The **first** step in the ACAP process is to attend a Pre-separation Seminar. Please call the ACAP center for more information.

d. Social Security Administration. Do you need a new Social Security Card? A representative from the Social Security Administration will be at the Main ACAP Center taking applications twice a month. Please bring two forms of Picture ID. Call the Main ACAP Center at (910) 396-2227 for current schedule.

e. Pre-Venture Orientation. Presented by the Small Business Technology Development Center – an introduction to starting your own business. Topics covered at the workshop include assessing yourself as a business owner, taxing, licensing, and permits. This workshop will be conducted the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Main ACAP Center from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

f. Employer Day. Most Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Main ACAP Center, local and national employers meet with individuals to discuss employment opportunities. No appointment is necessary; call either ACAP center for the latest schedule.

g. Senior Transition Workshop. Two-day Workshop designed to help *Senior* Transitioning Service Members (E-8/CW3/O4 and above). This Workshop is held once a month at the Main ACAP Center.

h. Family Members. Family members of transitioning service members are encouraged to use all ACAP services. Remember – the decision to leave the military affects the entire family.

i. AM-VETS Claims Workshop. This workshop, held most Friday mornings at the Main ACAP Center, is designed to aid transitioning soldiers in both preparation and filing of medical disability claims with the Veterans Administration.

j. Two-Day Job Search. This workshop is designed with All-Ranks in mind. Topics include resume writing, networking, interviewing and much more. The workshop is held weekly in the ACAP Classroom located in the basement of the SSC. Call either ACAP Center to register.

4. Armed Services YMCA – Lynne Grates, (910) 436-0500; Fax: (910) 436-0018
E-Mail: Lgratesasymca@earthlink.net;
Website: www.asymca.org

a. Beanie Boppers. The ASYMCA has received a donation of 116,000 Beanie Boppers from TY Corporation to give to our military children. The toys will be given out the first week of December. Any FRG interested in receiving the toys must E-MAIL Lynne Grates at Lgratesasymca@earthlink.net. No phone calls! The following information must be submitted: Name and phone number of contact person; name, age and gender of each child to receive a toy. Distribution will be made in order of submission.

b. Soldier's Golf Tournament. The ASYMCA is sponsoring a Soldier's Golf Tournament on Friday, November 5 at Kings Grant Golf Course. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am with play beginning at 12:30 p.m. The object of the tournament is to get sponsorship for Junior Enlisted soldiers who are not afforded the opportunity to golf, a chance to get out and experience it without having to pay. If anyone knows of any businesses you think would like to sponsor a Junior Enlisted team or if you would like to volunteer to help with the tournament, please contact the ASYMCA at (910) 436-0500.

c. Baby Bundles. Our Baby Bundles program provides a layette for new mothers who are active duty, E-4 and below, and for the dependent spouse of an active duty soldier E-4 and below. We deliver 7 days a week and desperately need volunteers who are interested in dropping off bundles to the Mother/Baby Unit at Womack. The Bundles consist of a receiving blanket, sleeper, gown, socks, onsie, book, detergent, baby wipes, etc. We average about 100 bundles/month. Please contact Peggy at (910) 436-0500 if you're interested in helping out even once a month.

d. Sign Language Classes. The ASYMCA Sign Language classes are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Beginners are welcome. For more information, contact Ms. Mason at (910) 436-0500.

e. Hula Classes. Hula classes are held every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Junior Enlisted Family Center. For more information, contact Edilyn Freitas at (910) 436-2769.

f. Taekwondo. Classes are held at the Junior Enlisted Family Center on Monday and Friday from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tuition is \$50/month, which enables students to also attend classes at Cliffdale Recreation Center at no extra charge. Call Ron Whitted at (910) 385-4653 for more information.

g. Bible Study. A Non-denominational Bible Study class is held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm at the Junior Enlisted Family Center. Gil Wise, Senior Pastor at Solid Rock United Methodist Church is the coordinator. For more information, please contact Gil at (910) 322-0100.

5. American Red Cross (ARC) – Wendy Dyer, (910) 396-1231

E-Mail: redcross@bragg.army.mil

Web Site: www.bragg.army.mil/redcross and www.redcross.org

a. Volunteer Orientation. Our next volunteer orientation will be **Monday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m.** in the basement of Womack Army Medical Center. The need for volunteers continues to be great and we encourage everyone with a desire to serve their community to become part of our volunteer team. We have a special need for **Emergency Service caseworkers** to assist service members and their families with emergency communications such as the initiation and delivery of messages regarding illness, death or birth. **Briefers** are also needed. We are also looking for **leadership** volunteers to head up or co-chair some of our volunteer programs.

b. Get to Know Us Before You Need Us. The Red Cross stands ready to speak at your unit FRG meetings, unit deployment briefings on our emergency communication services and how to access them and our volunteer services. Please contact Felecia D'Zamko at (910) 396-1231 to set these up. Be sure you and your unit members have the latest information on the Red Cross' vital services.

c. FUNDRAISER to help EVERYONE! The main office of the ARC on the corner of Macomb and Hamilton Street will be coordinating the *Annual Gift Wrapping Fundraiser*. We need for all of you that are interested to send us an email at redcross@bragg.army.mil or phone to provide us your contact information. We will be doing it a little differently this year and are very excited about the improvements. *There will be a **mandatory** meeting for all participators on October 28 at 5:00 p.m. at our main office.*

d. Spencer's Layette Program. Spencer's and the Red Cross have partnered together to make **free layettes available for babies up to 12 months old**. The only requirement is that the spouse be deployed to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Iraq or the Philippines during at least part of the pregnancy or at the time of the baby's birth. Call our WAMC office (910-907-7124) or our Station office (910-396-1231) to register.

e. Year-Round Youth Program. Did you miss our Fall Festival Costumer Party kick off? No worries. Join today. We have lots of fun events/activities planned for the year. We will be doing community service projects each month offering your youth a very rewarding experience. We meet on every other Sunday afternoon. If you have a youth age 13-17 please contact Kate Dunbar at redcross@bragg.army.mil. She will either email or phone you to discuss your interests. We are looking for youth interesting in *Making a Difference* in our community while having fun and learning a lot. It's great for college resumes and we have an organizational scholarship program for our volunteers.

6. Child and Youth Services (CYS) – Gudrun Blackmon, (910) 396-1270/5128

a. CYS Registration. Hours of operation for the Registration Office are 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Wednesday. They are located in Rm 23, H Wing, Community Center, corner of Knox and Randolph Streets. Telephone (910) 396- 8110/1278.

b. CYS 2005 Significant Registration Dates.

January 11	Spring Sports
February 1	Camp Counselor Leadership Training Course
March 8	Youth Services & School Age Services Spring Camp
April 26	Summer Instructional Classes
May 10	Summer Camp
	Jammin' Camp Geronimo
	Jumpin' Geronimo
	Specialty Camps
May 10	Summer Sports Camps
June 7	Fall Sports
June 14	Part Day Preschool
August 9	School Age Services and Clubhouse
August 16	Fall Instructional Classes
August 16	Ice Hockey
October 4	Basketball and Cheerleading
November 15	Winter Camp

b. CYS STACC Play Group. (910-396-8110)

The activity is free and no reservations are required. It is conducted at the Tolson Youth Activities Center, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., on the following dates:

November 5, 19
December 3, 10
January 7, 28
February 4, 11, 25
March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 8, 15, 22, 29
May 13, 20

The Play Group welcomes military and DoD ID card holders with children ages 6 weeks-5 year olds. It is structured so that parents can meet other parents, share ideas, story telling, and circle time.

c. CYS Annual Halloween Carnival. (910-396-5437)

The annual Halloween Carnival will be held at the Tolson Youth Activities Center

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., October 29. The costume party begins at 8:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

d. CYS Parent Advisory Board. (910-396-5128)

The group will meet at 6:00 p.m., November 16, at the Tolson Youth Activities Center.

e. School Age Services (SAS). (910-396-2011)

(1) The SAS staff will conduct Parent Orientation to explain SAS policies and to answer questions. Patrons must attend orientation within 30 days of enrollment or services will be denied. Orientation for K-1st grade will be held at Rodriguez SAS; for 2-4th grade at Wonderful World for Kids at 5:30 p.m. on the following dates:

November 2, 16

December 7.

(2) Registration is ongoing for Before & After School Care for students in K-4th grade. CYS membership is required. Fees are based on total annual household income. The program offers supervised recreational and developmentally appropriate activities. Transportation to and from Fort Bragg Schools as well as transportation to instructional and sports activities. Breakfast, lunch, and snack. Full day care for “school out” days.

(3) A “Fall Science Fair” will be held at the Throckmorton Library from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., November 4, for K-1st grades and from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., November 5, for 2d-4th grades. The event is free.

(4) Month of the Military Family. A free day of after-school care for Fort Bragg students K-4th grade is being offered at Rodriguez SAS and Wonderful World for Kids from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on November 2, 4, ,9, 16, 18, 23. There is a limit of one day per child. Reservations are required (910-396-4481.)

f. Youth Services Fall Instructional Classes. Registration is ongoing for Dance, Gymnastics/Tumbling, Karate, Judo, and Piano. Call the Registration Office for particulars. Effective August 1 fees increased by \$2 per session per student.

g. Youth Sports. (910-396-9123)

(1) Parent-Youth Deer Hunt. Ages 9-18 eligible. Registration is ongoing. Fee (per parent-youth team): \$5 CYS members; \$6 non-members (military ID required.)

Participation Requirements: (For information regarding class dates and locations and where to purchase licenses, call the Hunting & Fishing Center, 910-396-7506)

- Big Game Harvest report card Ages 9-15
- Certification of completion of NC Hunter Safety Education Ages 9-15
Parent or adult chaperone
- NC Hunting License (includes Big Game Hunting Privilege) Ages 16-18
Parent or adult chaperone
- Fort Bragg Hunting Permit Ages 16-18
Parent or adult chaperone

- Registration Cutoff Date	Dates of Hunt	Max # of Teams
November 10	November 13	12
November 18	November 20	24
December 2	December 4	24
December 9	December 11	24

(2) Soccer, Tackle Football, Flag Football, Cheerleading. Registration on-going.
Fees: (1st child) Tackle Football, \$48; Flag Football, \$24; Soccer, \$24; Cheerleading, \$22. A multiple child reduction will be given to a family with multiple children (after the 1st) participating in the same team sport.

h. Tolson Youth Activities Center. (910-396-5437)

November 5	D Zone Dance. 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. 7th-9th grade. CYS members \$3; Non-members \$4. Pay at the door.
November 6, 13, 20	Awesome Saturday. 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CYS members 5th-12th grade.
November 6	Technology Club. 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CYS members 5th-12th grade.
November 6	Sewing Club. 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CYS members 5th-12th grade.
November 8	Photography Club. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CYS members 5th-12th grade.
November 5, 16	Torch Club. 5:00 p.m. Middle School CYS Members.
November 2, 13, 16	Keystone Club. 6:00 p.m. Teens CYS Members.
November 10	Ultimate Journey. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CYS members 5th-12th grade.
November 12	Torch Blow Out. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CYS members 5th-6th grade.
November 13	Power Hour. 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CYS members.
November 17	Street Smart. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CYS members 5th-12th grade.
November 18	Fitness Authority. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CYS members 5th-12th grade.
November 19	Club Roc Dance. 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. 5th & 6th graders. \$3 CYS members; \$4 non-members. Pay at the Door.

November 20	Smart Girls. 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CYS members 5th-12th grade.
November 24	Cooking Club. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CYS members 5th-12th grade.
November 24	Swoosh Club. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CYS members 5th-12th grade.
November 24	Clubhouse Full Day. 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. CYS members 5th-9th grade. Pre-registration required. \$10/day.
November 27	Art Club. 3-4 p.m. CYS members.

i. Army School Liaison Services. (910-432-1008)

Annual Impact Aid Survey. Military and DoD parents who have children (K-12) attending school in Cumberland County, Harnett County, Hoke County, Robeson County, and Lee County will be requested to fill out a survey during October and November. Results of the survey will determine federal funding for their school. The surveys will be given to students to take home to their parents. Please watch for the surveys and ensure they are submitted.

7. MWR Marketing – Suzanne Sullivan, (910) 396-1024

E-Mail: Sullivanss@brag.army.mil

Web Site: www.fortbraggmwr.com

a. 2005 Army Soldier Show Nominations, November 1 – 30. Performers and technicians are needed for the 2005 Army Soldier Show. Nominations are being accepted for vocalists, dancers, musicians, specialty acts, and technicians for lighting, audio, video, costume and stage technicians. All nominees must have a minimum of 90 days time in service remaining after completion of tour. Nominees must meet height/weight standards IAW AR 600-9. Interested performers and technicians call (910) 396-6319 for more information.

b. Model Search for Spring Fashion Show, November 1 – 15. Models and stage technicians are needed for the Spring Fashion Show & Dance on February 25, 2005 at the Officers Club. Call (910) 396-6319 for more information and to sign up.

c. Post Wrestling Tournament, November 2-4. 6:00 p.m., Ritz-Epps PFC. The meet is open to all active duty personnel. To enter, competitors must weigh-in on November 2 from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Free. Call (910) 396-1217 for more information.

d. BOSS Meeting, November 2 & 16. 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. BOSS building, corner of Knox and Macomb Streets. Single soldiers meet to discuss upcoming events. Meetings occur the first and third Tuesday of every month except for holidays. For more information, please call (910) 396-7751.

e. Picnic in the Grove, November 6. 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Throckmorton Library. Celebrate National Library week. Activities include art and crafts, entertainment, games, and much more. Free lunch provided for military children. Free. For more information, please call (910) 396-BOOK (2665).

f. Adult Golf Clinics, November 6 & 20. 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Ryder Golf Course. Cost is \$10 which includes unlimited range balls and professional instruction. There must be a minimum of five players and maximum of ten players per clinic. To register, call (910) 907-GOLF (4653).

g. Bingo \$10,000 Payout , November 6. Warm-up/Early birds game starts at 5:00 p.m., \$10,000 payout begins at 6:00 p.m. Yntema Club located on Gruber next to KFC on Smoke Bomb Hill. Temporary passes \$5. Call (910) 396-3310 for more information.

h. The United States Army Soldier Show, November 12 & 13. Friday show begins at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday show begins at 2:00 p.m. Located at the Crown Theatre and is open to the public. Free admission. The U.S. Army Soldier Show is a song and dance troupe of the Army's most talented soldiers. Call (910) 396-9126 for more information.

i. Fort Bragg Education Blitz 2004, November 16. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Lee PFC. Colleges and universities will be present to answer questions and provide information. Guidance counselors will also be available to answer questions concerning veteran's benefits, distance learning, tuition assistance, financial aid, eArmyU and more. Open to soldiers, retirees, DoD civilians, and their family members. Free. For more information, please call (910) 396-6721, ext. 209 for more information.

j. MWR Auction, November 18. 10:00 a.m., Supply Warehouse. Electronics, furniture and antiques sold to the highest bidder. Open to the public. For more information, please call (910) 396-2802.

k. Latin Music, November 19. 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Willie's Sports Bar at Officers' Club. Latin music night \$5 cover charge for non-members and free for members. Open to the public. For more information, please call (910) 907-CLUB (2582).

l. Early Bird Basketball Tournament, November 19-21. 6:00 p.m., various PFCs. The tournament is open to all military/DoD ID holders ages 18 and older and is limited to the first 24 registered teams. To enter, teams must submit an entry form to the Sports Office, Bldg 8-2105, Knox Street. Free. Call (910) 396-1217 for more information.

m. Amateur Trapshooting Association Shoot, November 20. Fort Bragg Clay Target Center of East Manchester Road. 436-9489.

n. Parent-Youth Deer Hunt, November 20. 6:30 a.m., areas vary. Open to youth ages 9-18. \$5 per team for CYS members, \$6 per team for non-members. Must have safety certificate. Pre-registration required. Call 396-9123 for more information.

o. Unit Level Intramural Basketball Program, November 22. 6:00 p.m., Various PFCs. The program is open to all active duty personnel assigned or attached to Fort Bragg. To enter, teams must submit a team roster to their area physical fitness center prior to November 12. For more information, please call (910) 396-1217 for more information.

p. Thanksgiving Day Brunch, November 25. 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., NCO Club. Adults \$10.95 (10% discount for members), children ages 6-11 \$5.50, children 5 and under eat free. Reservations required. 907-3300.

q. Thanksgiving Feast , November 25. Seating times 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Open to the public. Cost for members \$11.50, children ages 6-11 \$5.75, non-members \$14.50, children ages 6-11 \$7.25. Children ages 5 and under eat free. 907-CLUB (2582) for more information.

r. McKellar's Lodge – (910) 907-LAKE (5253)

- Catering available Monday – Sunday, Hail and farewells, promotions, weddings, receptions, family reunions, birthday parties, and much more. We will meet or beat anyone's prices. Our dining room overlooks McKellar's Lake.
- Country Lunch Buffet – 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Monday – Friday \$6.75 includes drink.
- Attitude Adjustment, Tuesday, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Free finger food.
- Bar and Lounge open Tuesday through Friday, 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Enjoy your favorite brew in a frosted mug and one of our delicious menu items after a hard day on the job.

s. Green Beret Club – (910) 436-4056

- Daily Lunch Specials!
- Thursday breakfast, 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

t. NCO Club – (910) 907-3300

- Latin Flavor Lunch Buffet, Mondays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Herb baked meatloaf, salsa baked chicken, tacos, enchiladas and more. \$6.95 including drink.
- Late Night Bingo, Monday & Friday, 10:00 p.m.
- A Taste of Italy Buffet, Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Italian wedding soup, lasagna, Italian sausage and more. \$6.95 including drink.

- German Lunch Buffet, Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 pm. Pork schnitzel, bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad and more for \$6.95 including drink.
- Southern Style Lunch Buffet, Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Southern fried chicken, sliced roast beef, BBQ pork ribs, and more for \$6.95 including drink.
- Catch of the Day Lunch Buffet, Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Baked Cajun fish fillet, southern fried fish fillet, popcorn shrimp, catfish clam chowder and more for \$6.95 including drink.
- Sunday Night Groovin', Sundays, 8 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Jazz, blues, oldies and today's hottest hits brought to you by DJ Midnight Express in the Continental room. Free for members, \$6 for non-members.

u. Sports USA – (910) 907-0739

- WWE Pay-Per-View, Mondays, 9:00 p.m.
- Movie Night, Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., Watch recent releases on the big screen. Free popcorn. Must be 18 years or older.
- Family Night, Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Enjoy the family night pizza and pasta buffet, drink included. Family movie shown at 6:00 p.m. Adults \$4.25, children 6-10 \$3.25 and children 5 and under eat for a quarter.
- NTN Trivia Contest, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Prizes awarded!
- Variety Night. Thursdays, 5 p.m., No cover charge all night long. Enjoy karaoke, contests and more
- Bounce with DJ Showtime, Fridays 9:00 p.m. Dance to the latest hip hop and top 40 hits with DJ Showtime. \$4 for military, \$6 for guests. Civilian males must be 21 years old or older and signed in by a military member.

v. Officers' Club – (910) 907-CLUB (2582)

- Lunch in the Cafeteria, Tuesday – Friday 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Unwind After 5, Wednesday & Friday, 5:00 p.m. Karaoke, free food, and fun. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.
- German Food in the Dining Room, Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Member's rates are \$9.95 for adults, and \$5 for children 6-11. Non-members rates are \$12.95 for adults, and \$6.50 for children 6-11. Free for 5 and under. Open to the public
- Champagne Brunch, Sundays, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Members \$8.95, non-members \$12.95. Children 6-11 half-price, 5 and under eat for free.

w. Airborne Lanes – (910) 436-2618

- Bargain Bowling, Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Prices reduced to \$1.25 per game and \$1.25 shoe rental. Not available on holidays.
- Nine-pin No Tap Tournament, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Entry fee \$6.
- Xtreme Bowling, Saturday, 10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m., \$15 per hour, per lane.

x. Canopy Lounge - 396-2753

- Free Hors d'oeuvres, Fridays, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., (located in Moon Hall at Reilly & Bastogne Streets).

8. Chaplains – Tim McHale, DRE, (910) 396-4157/6564 ext. 105

E-Mail: mchalets@bragg.army.mil

Web Site: www.bragg.army.mil/chaplain

a. Post-wide Protestant Sunday School. The Fort Bragg Post-wide Protestant Sunday School is ongoing. Classes for all ages are held Sundays 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at Bowley Elementary School, near Knox & Randolph streets. Teachers are still needed for a couple of the grade levels. Please contact the REC for further details.
POC: Ms. Barbara Helton, Protestant REC (910) 396-4157 X 106

b. Catholic Religious Education. Registration is ending soon at the Watters Center for Catholic religious education classes. Catholic religious education classes for grades K–12 are held 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Sundays at Bowley & Irwin Schools. Volunteers are still needed in a couple of grade areas. Experience helpful but not necessary. Please contact the REC for further details.

POC: Mrs. Melissa Valle, Catholic REC grades K-3 (910) 396-4157 X 102

POC: Mrs. Mary Carleton, Catholic REC grades 4-12 (910) 396-4157 X 103

c. Protestant Women of the Chapel. The Fort Bragg PWOC group meets at the Watters Center, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Please contact the POC for further details.

POC: Dawn Galloway (910) 425-7691

d. Military Council of Catholic Women. The Fort Bragg MCCW group meets at the Watters Center, Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., and Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please contact the POC for further details.

POC: Amy Chaffin (910) 487-1087

9. Enlisted Spouses Association - (910) 907-3934

Email: FtBraggESA@aol.com

Website: www.ftbraggenlistedspouses.com

a. Monthly Meetings. The ESA meets on the first Thursday of each month, unless otherwise posted. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for social and food sharing time. Meeting and activity start promptly at 7:00 p.m. Our clubhouse is located at the Junior Enlisted Family Center in Building 2-2411 on Woodruff Street.

b. Nicole Gunter, President. (910) 864-3710 or email at FtBraggESA@aol.com

c. Membership. Membership to the ESA is \$15 a year. An application and volunteer form can be downloaded from the website and mailed in along with payment.

d. Vacancies. There are several positions within the organization that are available.

e. BINGO. The ESA is accepting volunteers to participate in our weekly Bingo Fundraiser at the Ytema Club. Must be a member to volunteer.

10. Defense Commissary Agency

Website: www.commissaries.com

North Fort Bragg Commissary, Gale Van Hull, (910) 396-2104

E-Mail: gale.van_hull@deca.mil

South Post Commissary, Dave Woody, (910) 436-2487

E-Mail: dave.woody@deca.mil

a. Grand Opening. The Fort Bragg North Post Commissary grand opening will be held on November 4. Ribbon cutting ceremony is 8:30 a.m., with the store open immediately upon completion of the ceremony. The last business day for the existing store will be October 31. Patrons can shop at the Fort Bragg South Post Commissary on November 1-3.

b. Christmas Decorations. Within the next two week Bragg south store will be decorating for Christmas. Please stop by and check out our great decorations.

11. Fort Bragg Area Community Foundation – Julie Huggins

Web Site: www.bragg.army.mil/fbacf

Phone: 24-hour answering machine (910) 583-1709

Address: P.O. Box 74620, Ft. Bragg, N.C. 28307-1709

a. The Fort. Bragg Area Community Foundation MISSION. The Fort Bragg Area Community Foundation was established to provide financial assistance to soldiers and their families in times of crisis. Soldiers must be assigned to a Ft. Bragg unit and the financial need cannot be as a result of financial mismanagement. Assistance is also available for retirees living within a 50 mile radius of Ft. Bragg and for DOD civilians working on Ft. Bragg. All applicants must first see an AER counselor. The application and financial worksheet are available on-line at the address listed above. All applications are considered anonymously and with discretion. The Foundation can be reached through a 24-hour answering service at (910) 583.1709. All calls will be returned within 24 hours.

12. Fort Bragg Area Officers' Spouses Club (OSC) – Kelly Ann Morrow –
(910) 483-9452
E-Mail: mulls68@aol.com

a. Yule Mart. The Fort Bragg Area Officer's Spouses' Club is hosting their annual arts and crafts fair on October 29, 30, and 31, at Lee Fitness Center. The times for the event are: Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

b. Welfare requests. Applications for the Fall Welfare Donations given by the Fort Bragg Officers' Spouses' Club are now available for pick-up in the Buy'n'Bragg Gift Shop on Randolph Street and in the Fort Bragg Thrift Shop. Applications are only available to non-profit organizations serving the Fort Bragg and Cumberland County areas. Donations are not made to individuals. Note: The last date applications will be accepted is November 22. Applications received after that date will not be considered. For further information call Joyce Sacolick at (910) 497-3238.

c. November Membership Meeting: Decorating on a Dime. The Fort Bragg Area Officer's Spouses' Club Membership Meeting/Dinner will be November 18, 10:30 a.m. social/shopping and 11:00 a.m. lunch begins at the Fort Bragg Officer's Club – Lafayette Room. To make a reservation, please contact one of the following Reservation Representatives:

A-D	Debbie Gillum	(910) 323-4322
E-K	Melinda Hamilton	(910) 864-7510
L-Q	Donna Rock	(910) 826-4979
R-Z	Annette Velazquez	(910) 487-4567

RESERVATION DEADLINE: November 11 at NOON & Cancellation deadline is November 16 at noon.

COST: \$15.00

Please come dressed in your "craft clothes", we will be making a craft that we can take home and use to decorate our homes.

d. Vacancies. The following positions are still available – Property Chairman (board position), OSC Rep to Thrift Shop, and Activities Coordinator.

e. Buy & Bragg Gift Shop. The Shop will be closed Election Day, November 2, and Thanksgiving Weekend, including Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving. The Holiday Open House will be Friday and Saturday, December 3-4. The shop will be open 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. both days.

f. Board of Directors Meeting. The Fort Bragg Area Officer's Spouses' Club Board of Directors will be meeting on November 4 at 9:30 a.m., at the OSC building.

13. Fort Bragg Schools – Terry Lawrence, (910) 436-5410 ext. 222

Web site: www.am.dodea.edu/bragg

Email: Terry.Lawrence@am.dodea.edu

a. Upcoming Dates.

November 11	Veteran's Day. Schools & Administrative Offices closed
November 18	School Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m., Location TBA
November 24, 26	Teacher / Student Holiday
November 25	Schools & Administrative Offices Closed

14. Fort Bragg Area Thrift Shop – Tara Seaman, (910) 884-0364

E-Mail: smgtks@aol.com

a. NOW OPEN ON SATURDAY'S!!! Starting November 1st the Fort Bragg Thrift Shop will be open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, AND SATURDAY from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Consignments will only be taken Tuesday-Thursday. Furniture consignment will continue to be by appointment only and is accepted on Saturday only. Located at the corner of Woodruff & Jackson Streets, building 2-2412. (Woodruff is the street at the Cleland Ice Skating Rink stoplight.) The Thrift Shop is stocked full of trinkets and treasures – and at fantastic prices! If you have any questions, please call (910) 07-4053 during business hours.

b. Upcoming Store Closings: The Thrift Shop will be closed Thursday, November 11th (Veteran's Day), Thursday-Saturday, November 25-27 (Thanksgiving holiday), and December 19-31 (Christmas break). We will also be closed the month of January 2005 for a big inside remodeling. (More news on that to follow later on! ☺)

c. UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT! Lots of changes happening and friendly faces which we are very excited about. Stop by and welcome our new bookkeeper and new manager!

d. Looking for someone to help us set up a new website. Do you have the skills to set up a website? Well, we need you! Our old website is no longer functional so we need to start from scratch. If you can help us with this effort, please let us know.

e. YOUR DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOMED! The Thrift Shop does accept donations. You may bring your items into the Consignment Room door during business hours OR you may leave them in the wooden shed in the front of the store. (Please do not place donations outside of the wooden shed as the ants/weather may ruin them.) THIS YEAR THE THRIFT SHOP HAS DONATED OVER \$41,000 to our military community, and we're not done yet!

f. Want to make a little pocket money? If you are a military ID cardholder 18 years or older or a DOD civilian, you can consign with us! Consignments accepted only on Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Active duty members may consign from 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. on these days. . Large furniture items and appliances may be consigned on Saturday only and by prescheduled appointment. Please call before bringing large items to ensure there is space.

g. Volunteers Always Appreciated. Kids driving you a bit nuts? We can pay daycare for you when you volunteer! We'd love it if you could help us just 1 day a month – or more! ☺ Volunteers start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m., but we can be flexible and work within your schedule. Plus, we have special benefits/privileges that only our volunteers enjoy.

15. Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council, Area 33 – Meta Barham,
(910) 437-9900 ext 25
E-Mail: mbarham@pinesofcarolina.org
Web Site: www.pinesofcarolina.org

a. Make A Difference in the Life of a Girl!! Girl Scout Volunteers are needed! Do you enjoy working with girls? Do you want to make a difference in the community? Would you like to put your skills and experience to wonderful use? Well, you can...by becoming a Girl Scout Volunteer! Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Community Representatives, Product Sales Managers, Event Directors and more are always needed. To find out how to become involved, please call Meta Barham at 437-9900, extension 25.

b. Join the fun...join the Girl Scouts!! In Girl Scouts, girls discover fun, adventure, friendship, and the power of girls working together in the community. Girl Scouts is a program designed for all girls, ages of 5 and 17. Get involved today!! For more information on troops that are meeting in your area, please call Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council, Fayetteville Service Center at (910) 437-9900, extension 25.

16. North Carolina Military Widow & Widowers Informational Group –
Pamela Alkins, (910) 867-7027 or (910) 907-3045; Operation Hours 24/7
Building A-4926 (Old Division Area)
231 Lansdowne Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28314

a. Authorized Patrons/Patrons Served. Military widows, widowers, and dependent children with valid ID cards. This includes spouses and dependent children of deceased active duty and retired military (all services), as well as families of terminally ill military members.

b. Service/Programs Provided.

1) Researching old documents and military records to verify a claim for both medical and monetary benefits for widows, widowers and dependent children.

2) Helping a family member secure affidavits to substantiate a claim for federal and/or state benefits.

3) Interceding with doctors, hospitals or clinics on behalf of a widow or child needing treatment.

4) Calling in prescription refill at a pharmacy, picking up the order, and delivering it to someone who may be too ill or unable to drive.

5) Driving someone to medical treatments or emergency room regardless of time of day or night.

6) Providing food from our own food closet for a family in need. Our food closet is open year round.

7) Providing "Friendship Baskets" delivering to a widow or widower unable to afford to purchase items such as toilet articles, cloth towels and good quality face cloths. This also includes health and beauty aids, writing materials, paper products, and stamps. The distribution of these packages is helped by the BOSS program on Fort Bragg.

8) Looking for mentors to help children with homework, career choices, or Scholarship monies.

c. Veterans Day. We will hold our Veterans Day Ceremony on Thursday November 11 at the Main Post Cemetery on Fort Bragg at 11:00 a.m. We will be featuring the Stars & Stripes Singers. Chaplains from Fort Bragg will lead us in readings from scriptures and prayers. Please come and join us in honoring our Veterans of all wars.

d. Thanksgiving Feast. On Thursday, November 25 we will be having our usual Thanksgiving meal. If you would like to join us for this meal please call (910) 867-7027. as usual we will have it in the dining room of Womack Army Medical Center. We will also be taking dinners out to the widows who are housebound on that day.

e. Thank You's. We would like to sincerely thank the Main Post NCO Wives Club for their generous donation to our needy widows, widowers, and dependant children. We feel really blessed knowing that you care.

f. Friendship Baskets. We have started packaging Friendship Baskets to give to our below the poverty level widows and widowers. This also includes veterans and military widows that reside in rest homes and nursing homes in the area. We put liquid and bar soaps, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body powder, body lotion, pencils, pens, and envelopes in small bags. The small bags go into larger bags which contain paper towels, toilet paper, small bibles, and socks.

17. 18th Soldier Support Group – Dee Warren, (910) 396-2020

E-Mail: warrend@bragg.army.mil

a. Installation Adjutant General. Nan Sanders

E-Mail: sandersnc@bragg.army.mil

Web Site: www.bragg.army.mil/18ssg/

b. ID Card Facility. The Installation ID Card Facility is located at the Soldier Support Center in Building 4-2843 on Normandy Drive. The mission of the facility is to provide identification cards for soldiers, retirees, and their family members.

1) Hours:

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (extended hours)
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday weekends)	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (closed on Corps Training Holiday

2) Closings. The ID Card Facility is closed on all Corps Training and Federal Holidays.

3) Phone Numbers. (910) 396-2868
(910) 396-9339
(910) 396-8811

Customers should call before coming from out of town.

c. Installation Retirement Services Office - John Bell

E-mail: bellj1@bragg.army.mil

1) Location. The Installation Retirement Services Office (IRSO) is located in the Soldier Support Center, Building 4-2843, Normandy Drive in the Lower Level. The IRSO provides services to both active duty soldiers assigned to Fort Bragg and to Army retirees and their family members residing in North Carolina.

2) Services Provided. Services are provided on a walk-in, write-in or e-mail, or phone-in basis. Upon request, IRSO provides individual counseling on retirement rights, pay, Dual Compensation, Civil Service Reform Act, benefits and privileges.

3) Counseling. Special assistance is provided with preparations and submission to Military Board of Corrections cases. In conjunction with servicing legal office, counsels active and retired soldiers, spouses, and former spouses on the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act.

Counseling services are provided to widows of both active duty and retired soldiers.

4) Pre-Retirement Briefings. IRSO conducts pre-retirement briefings and administers the Survivor Benefit Plan at the installation level. Counseling services are provided to widows of both active duty and retired soldiers.

5) Hours.

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed on all Corps Training and Federal Holidays

6) Phone.

(910) 396-5304/8591

(910) 396-3747-Fax

18. Womack Army Medical Center, Shannon Lynch, (910) 907-7247

E-Mail: Shannon.Lynch2@na.amedd.army.mil

Web Site: www.wamc.army.amedd.mil

a. Halloween candy screening. Womack Army Medical Center's Radiology Department will be offering x-rays of Halloween candy on Friday, October 29 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Department of Radiology on the first floor of Womack Army Medical Center. For more information, please call (910) 907-7160.

b. Thanksgiving day closings. Womack Army Medical Center's primary care and specialty care clinics will be closed on Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving and Friday, November 26 for a training holiday.

The Acute Minor Illness Clinic (AMIC) will be open from 9:00 a.m. until midnight. To make an appointment in the Acute Minor Illness clinic, please call (910) 907-2778.

c. Fisher House. The Fort Bragg Fisher House is in need of the following items: Toothbrushes, small toothpaste and mouthwash, coffee, coffee supplies, DVD/VCR players and movies, towels, hand towels, wash clothes, double sheets, king size sheets, pillowcases, laundry detergent, Clorox, fabric softener. The Fisher House is party of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). They are CFC Local No. 9006. The Fisher House also accepts monetary donations. Please make checks payable to the Fort Bragg Fisher House and a receipt will be provided. For more information, please call the Fisher House at (910) 432-1486.

d. Blood Donor Center/Blood drive. The Fort Bragg Blood Donor Center is in need of blood donors. If you are an active duty soldier, family member, retiree or DoD civilian employee, you are eligible to donate. For more information about donating blood, please call the Fort Bragg Blood Donor Center at (910) 396-9925.

Womack Army Medical Center is sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, December 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you would like an appointment to donate, please call (910) 907-7247.

e. Flu shots. Currently we are only vaccinating active duty soldiers with deployment orders. At some point, we will be vaccinating patients identified as high risk. More information to follow.

****19. Fort Bragg Fisher House.** Since 1990, Fisher Houses have been serving military families during times of medical crisis. These comfort homes are built by the Fisher House Foundation, Inc., and given as gifts to the Military Services and the Veterans Administration.

Within walking distance of the hospital is a comfortable temporary home, filled with warm, caring people who help family members endure the stresses associated with a loved one's serious medical condition. Some of our most recent guests have been families of combat casualties (operation Iraqi Freedom).

Army Fisher Houses receive no appropriated funds from the government. The majority of our support is gained from volunteer groups, spouses' clubs, family support groups, and Civic/Military organizations. Donations can be made directly to the Ft. Bragg Fisher House at 12 Bassett St., Ft. Bragg, NC 28307 or donate through the Local Combined Federal Campaign to CFC #9006. E-mail: FHWAMC@aol.com

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910-432-1486**

<http://www.wamc.amedd.army.mil/fisherhouse/index.htm>
FHWAMC@aol.com

MONETARY DONATIONS (All checks should be written to the Ft. Bragg Fisher House) Receipt will be provided!

Towels, Hand Towels, Wash Clothes (any color)

Double Sheets, Twin Sheets, King Size Sheet, Pillowcases (any color)

Laundry Detergent, Clorox, Fabric Softener

Dish Towels, Pot Holders, etc.

Canned Meats and Soups

Tooth Brushes, Small Toothpaste, Small Mouthwash

Paper Goods (Plates, Cups, Towels, Toilet Paper)

Small Lotions

DVDs/ VCRs/ Movies

Sodas/ Bottled Water

Coffee & Coffee Supplies

TVs

Double Beds (to include Mattress & Box spring)

Stereo System for Living Area

Vacuum Cleaners (Could be portable for each room) (7 rooms)

Carpet Shampooer
Dishwasher

Thank you for your continued support of the Fisher House.

19. Cumberland County Schools – (910) 678-2302

E-Mail:

Web Site: <http://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/>

a. Cumberland County School. The Cumberland County School System is the 4th largest school system in the state and the 72nd in the nation, serving 50,760 students in 85 schools with 6,234 employees of whom 3,244 are teachers. On any given day, nearly 20% of our community's almost 300,000 residents are housed in our schools nearly half of their waking hours.

b. Mission. Our mission is simple: All schools will be safe and caring and student achievement will increase each year.

c. Student Assignment. Students are assigned to schools based on the parent or guardian's residence. We serve all 10th - 12th grade students who reside on post or base, and we accept 9th grade students who wish to attend our schools.

d. "Choice" Programs. Our school system is dedicated to serving the needs of children in our community. We offer a variety of "choice" programs that range from the Performing Arts to Engineering Technologies. These programs follow the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. We have 21 choice programs in our elementary schools. And, our choice options have expanded to the secondary level with 7 programs at the middle level and 11 high school academies that concentrate on career interests. Two classical high schools are also available with one offering the Year-Round calendar.

e. Principles. Throughout the Cumberland County Schools, we operate under two basic quality principles: customer focus and continuous improvement. We need to know the aims of our customers, of whom you are a part, so that we can tailor our educational programs to meet those needs. And, of course, we are constantly working to improve.

20. Fayetteville Technical Community College Basic Skills/HRD Programs

Linda Robotham, (910) 678-8483 or 678-8481

E-Mail: robothal@faytechcc.edu

Fayetteville Technical Community College's Basic Skills and Human Resources Development (HRD) programs offer a number of different learning opportunities, each designed to provide quality educational services to eligible adults 18 years of age or older. Classes are offered at convenient times and locations throughout Cumberland

County. There is no charge for any Basic Skills/HRD class. If you would like to expand your potential for success, or you know someone else who does, please consider the many programs being offered at FTCC.

a. Adult High School Diploma – AHS. The Adult High School Diploma Program is designed to give adults the opportunity to earn a high school diploma. The diploma is issued by FTCC and the Cumberland County Board of Education. Students are required to purchase their textbooks and pay a nominal graduation fee.

b. Other Programs Available. English as a Second Language (ESL), General Educational Development (GED), Compensatory Education (CED), Human Resources Development (HRD), Basic Skills Resource Centers, and Correspondence Courses.

Registration procedures:

All students must register at the Assessment Center, Room 205 in the Continuing Education Building at Fayetteville Technical Community College. **Please call 678-8483 or 678-8465 for more information.**

c. FTCC on TV. FTCC does a presentation every month, which airs on Cablevision Channel 7 on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this show (hosted by Linda Robotham) is to inform the community about all of our programs, our personnel, and students who have benefited from attending this institution; also to invite all who can benefit from our programs to join us and improve their lives. The show is entitled *EDUCATION AND YOU: See What FTCC Can do for You.*

d. FTCC Campus in Spring Lake. Our new, state-of-the-art Spring Lake facility is now open and operational. It serves the Fayetteville and Spring Lake areas, as well as Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base. It is located at 171 Laketree Blvd., Spring Lake, N.C. 28390, and the telephone number is 910-436-6235.